

Please do not pass this bill! This could in essence outlaw opensource and the freedom to use a personal computer. I am an avid linux user and this bill, if passed, would seriously hamper what I can legally use my computer for. Please do not stop people who USE computers, stop the abusers, i.e. the ones that are breaking the laws that are influencing the decision(s) to pass this on. It is important to stop the Broadcast Flag Mandate because, if promulgated, it would set a precedent allowing the government of the United States to directly dictate exactly what you do with your computer, even in the privacy of your own house. It would set the precedent that the government of the United States may directly outlaw the production, sale and use of untrammelled computers like the one billion "personal computers" that have been freely produced and sold up until today. It would set the precedent that the government of the United States may directly enforce that all computers sold must contain both spy machinery and remote control machinery--machinery that would be controlled by Infotainment Central and The Secret Police. Under the Broadcast Flag Mandate, it would be a felony to disable the spy and remote control machinery.